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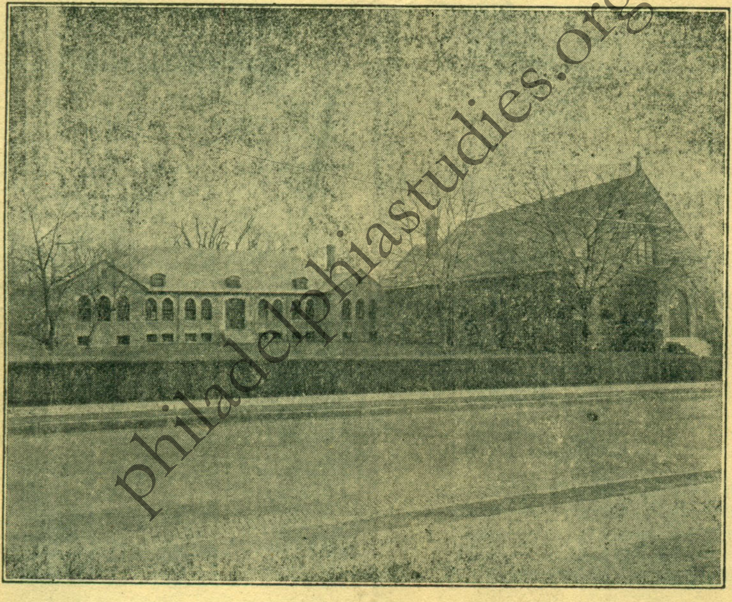

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Rector

REV. J. WESLEY TWELVES
635 W. Sedgwick Street
Telephone: Ger. 1694

Church Services.
Sundays.

Holy Communion .... 8.00 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11.00 A. M.
Holy Communion (1st Sun.) 11.00 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 8.00 P. M.
Session of Church School .. 9.45 A. M.
Baptisms .... 12.30 P. M.
or by appointment.

Holy Days.

Holy Communion .... 10.00 A. M.

Vestry.

Rector's Warden ...... Walter Willard
Accounting Warden ...... A. G. Mercer
Secretary of Vestry .... J. J. Wernle

Other Members—E. W. Deakin, G. F. Flack, G. S. Reinoehl, W. B. Seeley, R. M. Truitt, H. B. Vincent.

Meetings—The third Monday each month.

The Choir.

Robert M. Banks, Choirmaster.
1617 Mentor St. Phone, Wyo. 3479-R.
Albert H. Eayre, Organist,
Ogontz, Pa.
Choir-Mother ...... Mrs. W. S. Wood

Church School.

Superintendent ....
Secretary .... Chester Flack
Treasurer .... W. P. Guckes
Pianist .... Mrs. Guckes

Teachers.

Mrs. Austin	Mrs. Guckes
Miss Cubberley	W. P. Guckes
Miss M. Dungan	W. H. Moore
Miss Lippincott	Miss H. Mercer
G. F. Flack	Miss R. Mercer
D. Ornston	W. B. Seeley

Altar Guild.

Chairman .... Mrs. E. W. Deakin
Vice Chairman ...... Mrs. H. F. Dingle
Secretary ..... Mrs. Charles Atherton
Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. M. Humphrey, Jr.

Woman's Guild

Vice President......Mrs. Walter Willard
Secretary ....Mrs. R. Marshall Truitt
Treasurer....Mrs. Francis J. Chesterman

Auxiliary

Chairman .... Mrs. W. B. Seeley
Vice Chairman ..... Mrs. Maurice Wilt
Secretary ....Mrs. A. D. Lamson
Treasurer ....

Parochial

Chairman .... Mrs. W. P. Guckes
Secretary .... Mrs. Walter Willard
Treasurer .... Mrs. Charles Atherton

Young People's Fellowship

President ....Ellis Oller
Vice President.......Elizabeth Cubberley
Secretary .... James Francis
Treasurer ....Ruth Mercer

Men's Club

President .... William P. Guckes
Vice President .... C. H. Kent
Secretary .... H. F. Dingle
Treasurer .... R. W. Weeks

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Director ....
Vice Director ....
Secretary .... Alan Dewees
Treasurer .... A. G. Mercer

Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Director ....
Vice Director .... James Francis
Secretary ....Joseph Lawser
Treasurer ....Nelson Francis

Troop 68, Boy Scouts

Scoutmaster ....Wm. C. Wilson
Asst. Scoutmaster.........Stanley Flack
Asst. Scoutmaster.......Jos. MacFarland

Choir Club

President .... Mr. R. M. Banks
Vice President .... Mr. Stellwagon
Secretary .... Miss Marion Dungan
Treasurer .... Mrs. J. A. Ewing

Executive Committee

Miss Davidson, Miss A. Parke, Mrs. Wood.

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

This issue of "The Star" might be called, for the lack of a better name, "The Financial Issue." It is an issue in more senses than one.

At present we are making our plans and preparations for the Annual Every Member Canvass for the support of the church during the coming year. We are therefore presenting in this issue considerable material and information, dealing with this necessary part of the Church's organization. We believe there is need for instruction and education on the subject.

In the second place, "finance" is a particular "issue" with us here in this parish, not perhaps exactly in the sense of a crisis, but a problem that must be faced and solved. And, we are only going to solve it as each one, personally, considers the issue as it relates to himself or herself.

I have already, on other occasions, expressed my abhorrence of "begging appeals" which have been necessitated by the lack of regular, generous giving. It will be as astounding to you as it was to me, to learn that out of the entire parish only one-third of the people give regularly to the support of the church. I am conscious of the fact that a great many of our people have never thought seriously of the matter or perhaps it has never been presented to them in the proper way. I have always found that where people were interested and really understood the need and their duty, that they have arisen to the occasion.

It is for these reasons that we are publishing this pre-campaign issue of "The Star."

I want to affirm again my belief in the wonderful opportunities and possibilities that exist for the parish of The Epiphany in carrying on God's work in this part of His vineyard. I am constantly impressed in many ways, by the things that we are doing and of the things we can do, that there is a great future ahead for us.

That you will work with me, in all possible ways, to realize our desires, is the prayer of

Your rector and friend,

J. WESLEY TWELVES

LETTERS OF TRANSFER

We wish that more of our people would obtain letters of transfer from their former parishes. This is according to the law of the Church and is the proper method of becoming communicant members of the local parish.

After moving from a parish, your name is carried on an inactive list and you cannot be counted in the new parish until you are transferred. Therefore in many, many cases regular communicants are not counted on the parish lists anywhere. The bringing of a letter of transfer is an indication of an active interest in the parish in which you reside.

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PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

Marion Willard

Burial

Mary M. Rentschler

Removed by Transfer

Frederick E. Swope
Mrs. Anna M. Swope

Received by transfer

Mrs. Agnes Shaw Kelly
William Kelly
D. Crawford MaClay
Mrs. Helen V. P. Hardcastle
Horace C. Prevost
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Prevost
John B. Jones
Mrs. S. Ellen Jones
Miss Roberta Hobbs
Miss Katherine K. Hobbs

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING WARDEN'S REPORT TO NOVEMBER 16

Current Fund

Receipts last month	$458.47

Expenditures

Last months' cash deficit	$179.21
Expended during month	547.02
Total expended	$726.23
Cash deficit Nov. 16, 1925	$267.66
Note at Bank	2,000.00
Total indebtedness	$2,267.66

The special offering taken last month amounted to slightly over $1000. This amount was immediately paid to the bank on account of note for $3000, leaving the note at this present time $2000. We have outstanding bills amounting to about $700.00 which includes the coal bill of over $600.00.

REASON FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

While our reports from time to time have not been of a nature to lend encouragement, it may be interesting to know that we have received thus far this present year over $2,000.00 more than the amount received last year. This has undoubtedly been because of the strong appeals made and a concerted response on the part of many.

We are very hopeful for the coming year, because we expect to have a great many new subscribers to the envelope system, as well as an increase by the old subscribers.

The members of the vestry at their last meeting agreed severally to increase the amounts they are giving and we are sure there will be many others in the parish who will do likewise.

THE BUDGET FOR 1926

The following budget prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the vestry is based upon the expenditures of this present year and is to a slight degree less than that expended during the current year. We wish that it were possible to start the coming year without carrying over the $2000 deficit, but that seems impossible.

Deficit, borrowed from bank	$2,000.00
Rector's Salary	3,150.00
Sexton's Salary	900.00
Pension Fund	275.60
Summer Supply	100.00
Choir and music	1,700.00
Rectory, payments, interest and repairs	700.00
Fuel and light	700.00
Repairs and improvements	500.00
Insurance and taxes	350.00
Interest, Mortgages & Loans	1,410.00
Sundries	500.00
Total Budget, 1926	$12,285.60

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This amount we intend to raise through the envelope system, and is asked for on the Black side of the envelope. If every one of the 260 families on the parish list would give a fairly generous amount, the budget would easily be oversubscribed. The difficulty is that only a few help and they have to bear the entire burden.

The Missionary Budget amounts to about $2500, or approximately one-fifth of the parish budget and we ask for this amount on the Red side of the envelope.

ONLY 83 FAMILIES GIVE REGULARLY

Out of our parish list, of over 260 families, only 83 families are giving regularly to the support of the Church. That means 170 families do not give regularly to the upkeep of the Church's work. We realize that there must be a great many people on our list who are not interested. It would be both a help us and would save them further annoyance, if they would so advise us. We do want to feel that all the people whom we consider members of this parish, are really interested.

WHAT OTHERS ARE GIVING

One often wonders if he or she is bearing a proper share in the upkeep of the parish work. We often wonder how much others give. Of course we can't give their names, but here is a list of what the 83 families out of 260 are giving every week toward the support of the Church.

3	Families	give	$6.00	weekly	$18.00
1	"	"	3.50	"	3.50
1	"	"	3.05	"	3.05
1	"	"	2.80	"	2.80
2	"	"	2.50	"	5.00
11	"	"	2.00	"	22.00
1	"	"	1.85	"	1.85
1	"	"	1.50	"	1.50
1	"	"	1.45	"	1.45
2	"	"	1.35	"	2.70
3	"	"	1.25	"	3.75
1	"	"	1.10	"	1.10
18	"	"	1.00	"	18.00
1	"	"	.95	"	.95
2	"	"	.85	"	1.70
4	"	"	.75	"	3.00
1	"	"	.70	"	.70
1	"	"	.60	"	.60
15	"	"	.50	"	7.50
1	"	"	.35	"	.35
1	"	"	.30	"	.30
3	"	"	.25	"	.75
2	"	"	.20	"	.40
6	"	"	.10	"	.60

83 Families give weekly......$101.55
Sundays in a year ×52

Amount given yearly $5,280.60

The above includes amounts given annually or semi-annually. It represents also only the amount given on the black side of the envelope, as this is the only amount that we may use for our parish expenses.

WHAT PROPORTION OF YOUR INCOME DO YOU GIVE?

The old Jewish custom was to give one-tenth of one's income or harvest to the Lord. That was called tithing.

The Mormons today still follow that cutom and turn over one-tenth of their earnings to the church, in money or kind.

Many Roman Catholics follow the principle of tithing, and give ten per cent.

Among our Protestant brethren, we find a growing group who also give one-tenth of their income to the church and its work.

The federal Tax Department per-

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mits us to deduct 15 percent for charitable and church objects from our income.

Have you stopped to think or figure just what percentage of your income you give to your church?

We realize that all our responsibilities are not alike, but there ought to be some basis upon which we give.

MAY WE SUGEST 3 PERCENT?

We know of one family in the parish which gives 3 percent of its income to the church. That family has responsibilities as well as many others. Has it not a right to expect others to do the same?

On that basis we compute a scale of incomes and what should be your just share in the upkeep of God's Church. It is possible that you may be giving more or you may be giving less. It is but a "measuring stick" and a plan of trying to share alike.

Income	Weekly Offering 3%
$3000	$1.75
4000	2.30
5000	2.90 or $3.00
8000	5.00
10000	6.00
15000	9.00
20000	12.00
25000	15.00
etc.	etc. etc.

EPIPHANY CANVASS DECEMBER 6

The Annual Every Member Canvass will be held on Sunday, December 6, between the hours of two and five. You will be called upon by members of the vestry or others who will ask you to indicate what share you will take in the upkeep of the parish work. Any pledge that you may make is of course voluntary, and may be increased, decreased or withdrawn by word to the Accounting Warden or the rector.

We desire very much to have every family a regular contributor to the church and its mission.

We are sure that you will treat with courtesy and kindliness the effort that these men of the parish make. For them it is not a pleasant task. Your cordial reception will make it easier.

If you find that you will not be at home on Sunday, December 6, you may mail your pledge card in the envelope provided to the Accounting Warden.

SUPPER AND BAZAAR

The Woman's Guild is planning to conduct on Thursday, December 6 a Supper and Bazaar. The proceeds will go toward the pledge of $1000, which the Guild made, to pay part of the interest charges on the mortgages of the Church.

The supper will be served from 6.30 to 8 in the basement of the parish house and is in charge of Mrs. Seeley and Mrs. Atherton and a committee of ladies. The cost of the supper will be $1.00 and tickets will be mailed to members of the parish.

The Bazaar will be open both in the afternoon and evening. There will be a Fancy and Useful Article Table, a Toy and Doll Table, a Cake and Candy Table and several other smaller tables.

We are anxious to have a large number of our own people and others attend this event and we suggest that you reserve the date yourself and give as wide publicity to it as possible among your friends.

Mrs. E. W. Deakin, the new president of the Woman's Guild is in charge of the entire affair.

BISHOP'S VISITATION

The bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, will visit the parish for Confirmation on Sunday evening, December 6. The rector has

had in preparation a small class, which he will be ready to present at the time for the Laying on of Hands. You will recall the Bishop's visitation in April when twenty-four candidates were confirmed. We feel that we are quite important, having two confirmations in the same year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

In case there is not another opportunity to announce the Christmas services we take this occasion to refer to them. There will be the usual midnight celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas eve, beginning at 12 midnight.

On Christmas Day there will be an early celebration at 8 o'clock and a second service of Holy Communion at 10. These three services will provide an opportunity for everyone to be present. We remind you of the church's custom to have every communicant receive on Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday.

NEW VESTRYMEN

Due to the removal of Mr. H. B. Vincent to Ohio last summer and to the recent resignation of Mr. George S. Reinoehl, the vestry at its last meeting elected to fill these vacancies Mr. William P. Guckes and Mr. Stewart A. Jellett. We were sorry to lose the interest of the old members, but were pleased to find two such interested and capable men to take their places. They will serve for a period of two years each.

GIFT OF TREES

We hope that many of you have noticed the six small trees planted around the sign board on the terrace of the church lawn. These were the gift of Mr. Walter Willard, the Rector's Warden. These were given by Mr. Willard following the suggestion of the rector some time ago that members of the congregation from time to time make such gifts as memorials or thanksgivings to beautify the surroundings of the Church. Mr. Willard has started the action and we hope that many others will consider the matter and do likewise.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

The work of the Church School has been very promising. We have had a large enrollment during the fall, new members have been coming almost every Sunday and we feel that we have accomplished a lot of good work.

Mr. William P. Guckes has been appointed by the rector, to act in the capacity of Superintendent, and he has already proven his worth in many ways.

Mr. G. F. Flack has consented to take over Mr. Guckes' former activity as Treasurer of the Church School.

We are glad to number among our teaching staff, the following new members:

Mrs. R. M. Begley, Miss Dorothy Langdon, Mrs. R. N. Eberly, Mr. Robert Weeks, Mr. Clarence Smith.

We have also started a Teacher Training Class composed of the older girls in the School, who also act as substitutes when occasion demands.

We have started the plan of regular examinations three times a year. The first of these will be held on Sunday, December 13, and we suggest that parents go over the work of the pupils before this date. The Christmas Exercises of the School will be held on Monday, December 28, Holy Innocents Day at 7 p. m.

NEW FAMILIES

We are glad to welcome among us the following new families that have come to us during the fall, and trust that they will feel a sense of respon-

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sibility in entering into the activities of the parish:

Mrs. Agnes Kelley
Mr. and Mrs. Russel N. Eberly
Mrs. Verona Haines
Mr. and Mrs. Russel M. Begley
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fehr
Mr. and Mrs. A. Disston Rile
Mrs. Joseph K. T. Van Pelt
Dr. and Mrs. J. Donald Stone
Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Rebmann
Mr. and Mrs. George P. Pilling
Mrs. Robert Whitaker
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rivel
Mr. and Mrs. Harper Tobin
Mr. and Mrs. George Myrick
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McDaniel
Commander & Mrs. Lew M. Atkins
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott
Mrs. Helen V. P. Hardcastle
Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Prevost
Mrs. John Riddiough
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Towle
Mr. and Mrs. Latimer H. Coleman
Mr. and Mrs. Canfield Jordan
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jones
Col. and Mrs. Boughton
Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Rumsey
Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Oliver
Mrs. Bernice Bailey
Mr. and Mrs. B. Warren Faunce
Col. and Mrs. Harold E. Cloke
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Russel Bradenburgh
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Millar
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Perry
Mrs. Howard Patterson
Mr. John Grundy
Mr. and Mrs. Edw. L. D. Roach
Mrs. S. J. Hagaman
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Umstead
Mrs. Irene M. Graham
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blackadder

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